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References cited by the examiner in the parent application are
U.S. 5,512,192 (Lange et al, April 30, 1996)

This patent describes a composition of matter suitable for use as a dispersant viscosity improver for lubricating oil compositions comprising the reaction product of reactants comprising (a) an oil soluble substantially hydrogenated, vinyl substituted aromatic-aliphatic conjugated diene block copolymer, said copolymer having number average molecular weight ranging from about 30,000 to about 300,000, grafted with an ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid or functional derivative thereof; (b-1) at least one polyester containing at least one condensable hydroxyl group; and (b-2) at least one polyamine having at least one condensable primary or secondary amino group, and optionally, (c) at least one hydrocarbyl substituted carboxylic acid or anhydride.

U.S. 5,540,851 (Lange, July 30, 1996)

This patent describes dispersant viscosity improvers for lubricating oil compositions comprising the reaction product of reactants comprising (a) an oil soluble ethylene-alpha olefin copolymer wherein the alpha olefin is selected from the group consisting of C₃₋₂₈ alpha olefins, said copolymer having number average molecular weight ranging from about 30,000 to about 300,000, grafted with an ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid or functional derivative thereof; (b-1) at least one polyester containing at least one condensable hydroxyl group; and (b-2) at least one polyamine having at least one condensable primary or secondary amino group, and optionally, (c) at least one hydrocarbyl substituted carboxylic acid or anhydride.

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U.S. 4,077,893 (Kiovsky, March 7, 1978)

Described are lubricating oil additives having both dispersant and viscosity index-improving properties prepared by reacting a selectively hydrogenated star-shaped polymer having at least 4 arms of polymers or copolymers of dienes and monoalkenyl arenes with an alpha-beta unsaturated carboxylic acid or derivative and then reacting the resulting intermediate with an alkane polyol.

U.S. 4,169,063 (Kiovsky, September 25, 1979)

This patents describes lubricating oil additives having both dispersant and viscosity index-improving properties prepared by reacting an ethylene-propylene copolymer with chlorine and/or an alpha-beta unsaturated dicarboxylic acid or derivative, then reacting the modified polymer with a C₁ to C₁₈ amine containing 1 to 8 nitrogen atoms.

U.S. 4,517,104 (Bloch, et al, May 14, 1985)

Described are oil soluble viscosity index-improving ethylene copolymers, such as copolymers of ethylene and propylene; and ethylene, propylene and di-olefin; reacted or grafted with ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid moieties then reacted with polyamines having two or more primary amine groups and a carboxylic acid component or the grafted ethylene copolymer can be reacted with already formed salts, amides, imides, etc. of said polyamine and acid component.

U.S. 4,632,769 (Gutierrez, et al, December 30, 1986)

This patent relates to oil soluble viscosity improving ethylene copolymers reacted or grafted with ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid moieties then reacted with polyamines having two or more primary amine groups and a C₂₂ to C₂₈ olefin carboxylic acid component or the salt or amide formed by pre-reacting the C₂₂ to C₂₈ acid component with said polyamine. The products are said to be useful in lubricating oil and fuel compositions.

U.S. 4,670,173 (Hayashi, et al, June 2, 1987)

This patent describes compositions suitable for use as dispersant-viscosity improvers for lubricating oils made by reacting an acylating reaction product which is formed by reacting a hydrogenated block copolymer and an alpha-beta olefinically unsaturated reagent in the presence of free-radical initiators, with a primary amine and optionally with a polyamine and a mono-functional acid.

U.S. 4,735,736 (Chung, April 5, 1988)

The patent relates to polymeric viscosity index (V.I.) improvers-dispersant additives for synthetic and petroleum oils, particularly lubricating oils, methods for their preparation, and oil compositions containing them. These additives comprise a hydrocarbon polymer, for example a copolymer of ethylene with one or more C₃ to C₂₈ alpha-olefins, preferably propylene, or a hydrogenated copolymer of styrene and butadiene or isoprene, etc., which has been grafted with an acid moiety, e.g. maleic anhydride, followed by reaction with a

polyamine, preferably a tertiary polyamine having only a single acetylatable amine group, followed by reaction with ammonia or monoamine.

U.S. 4,803,003 (Chung, February 7, 1989)

Described are ethylene-alpha olefin copolymers grafted with an ethylenically unsaturated dicarboxylic acid material and thereafter reacted with a polyamine having at least two primary amine groups, and a carboxylic acid to form carboxyl-grafted polymeric imide derivatives which are subsequently reacted with a C_{12} to C_{18} hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic acid anhydride. Oil solutions thereof are said to be characterized by minimal viscosity change over an extended period of time.

U.S. 5,035,821 (Chung, et al, July 30, 1991)

Described in this patent are oil soluble viscosity index improvers-dispersants comprised of the reaction products of (i) ethylene copolymer, such as copolymer of ethylene and propylene, grafted with ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid moieties; (ii) polyamine having two or more primary amino groups or polyol; (iii) an amount effective to provide a VI improver-dispersant exhibiting improved cold temperature viscometric properties of a high functionality long chain hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic acid material such as alkenyl succinic anhydride having a functionality of at least 1.2; and (iv) a molecular weight stabilizing effective amount of a short chain hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic acid or anhydride.

U.S. 5,049,294 (Van Zon, et al, September 17, 1991)

This patent relates to dispersant/VI improver oil additives produced by reacting an alpha-beta unsaturated carboxylic acid or derivative with a selectively hydrogenated star-shaped polymer, then reacting the product so formed with a long chain alkane-substituted carboxylic acid and with a C_1 to C_{18} amine containing 1 to 8 nitrogen atoms and/or with an alkane polyol having at least two hydroxy groups or with the pre-formed product thereof.

U.S. 5,160,648 (Steckel, November 3, 1992)

High molecular weight N-containing condensates are reacted with, *inter alia*, oil soluble carboxylic acids to form dispersant materials.

U.S. 5,210,146 (Gutierrez, et al, May 11, 1993)

The patent describes a composition of matter said to be useful as a multi-functional viscosity index improver for lubricating oils comprising the reaction product of a copolymer of ethylene and at least one other alpha-olefin monomer, said copolymer comprising intramolecularly heterogeneous copolymer chains containing at least one crystallizable segment of methylene units and at least one low crystallinity ethylene-alpha olefin copolymer segment, wherein at least one crystallizable segment comprises at least about 10 weight percent of said copolymer chain and contains at least about 57 weight percent of said copolymer chain and contains at least about 57 weight percent ethylene, wherein said low crystallinity segment contains not greater than about 53 weight percent ethylene, and wherein said copolymer has a molecular weight distribution characterized by at least one of a ratio of M_w/M_n of less than 2 and ratio of M_z/M_w of less than 1.8 and wherein at least two portions of an individual intra-molecularly heterogeneous chain, each portion comprising at least 5 weight percent of said chain, differ in composition from one another by at least 7 weight percent ethylene, said copolymer grafted with ethylenically monounsaturated carboxylic acid material having 1-2 carboxylic acid groups or anhydride group to form grafted ethylene copolymer and at least one polyamine containing one primary amino group and from 1 to about 6 secondary amino groups.

EP 0,352,070 B1 (Exxon, January 24, 1990)

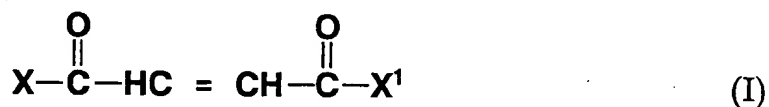
This patent is directed to multi-functional viscosity index improvers comprising the reaction product of ethylene copolymers grafted with ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid moieties; polyamines or polyols; and a high functionality long chain hydrocarbyl substituted dicarboxylic acid material containing a polyolefin of from about 400 to about 10,000 number average molecular weight and having a functionality of from 1.2 to about 2.

Oleaginous compositions containing these multi-functional viscosity improvers, which are said to also function as dispersants, exhibit improved low temperature viscometric properties.

EP 0682102 AZ (BP Chemicals, November 15, 1995)

A process is disclosed which comprises reacting at elevated temperature

(a) a copolymer of an olefin and a monomer having the structure



wherein X and X¹ are the same or different provided that at least one of X and X¹ is such that the copolymer can function as a carboxylic acylating agent and

(b) a succinimide prepared from an acyclic hydrocarbyl substituted succinic acylating agent and a polyamine wherein the hydrocarbyl substituted acylating agent is prepared by reacting a polyolefin and an acylating agent of formula I under conditions such that at least 75 mole % of the starting polyolefin is converted to the hydrocarbyl substituted succinic acylating agent. Hydrocarbyl substituted succinic acylating agents derived from high reactivity PIB's are preferred.

WO 96/01854 (Exxon, January 25, 1996)

The publication relates to succinimide dispersant additives prepared from functionalized hydrocarbons or polymers reacted (e.g. derivatized) with "heavy polyamines", including mixtures of higher oligomers of polyalkylene, e.g. polyethylene, amines containing, e.g., essentially no tetraethylene pentamine, small amounts of pentaethylenehexamine but primarily oligomers with 7 or more nitrogens, 2 or more primary amines per molecule and more branching than conventional polyamine mixtures. Use of heavy polyamines are said to allow for incorporation of greater amounts of nitrogen into the dispersant molecule than prior art amines and thusly, superior sludge dispersancy properties. The succinimide dispersants are taught as useful as additives in fuel and lubricating oils.

Ranney, M.W., "Lubricant Additives", Noyes Data Corp. (1973), pp. 119-136

This publication described United States patents relating to viscosity index improvers and dispersants issued from 1970 - 1972.

Ranney, M.W., "Lubricant Additives, Recent Developments", Noyes Data Corp. (1978), pp. 151-159)

This publication discusses United States patents directed to viscosity index improvers and dispersants issued from 1976-1977.

Ranney, M.W., "Synthetic Oils and Additives for Lubricants, Advances Since 1977", Noyes Data Corp. (1980), pp. 119-150

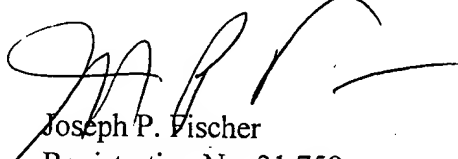
This publication discusses disclosures of United States patents directed to dispersant-viscosity improvers from 1978-1979.

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